

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 46, 47 and 55-57 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if placed in independent form including the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claim or claims.

Independent claims 38 and 61 have been amended to include the subject matter of claim 46.

Accordingly, claim 38 now comes within the indication of allowable subject matter within the office action, and it is submitted that claim 61 is similarly directed to allowable subject matter as incorporating the subject matter of allowable claim 46.

New claim 76 corresponds to allowable claim 55 in independent form, and new claims 77 and 78, which depend from claim 76, correspond to claims 56 and 57.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all pending claims are directed to subject matter deemed allowable in the office action, and that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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